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(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

 - international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:
 pages 2-5, 7, 10-23 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* 1, 6, 6/1, 8, 8/1, 9 received by this Authority on 15.08.2005
 pages* 9/1 received by this Authority on 15.08.2005

the claims:
 nos. 2-12, 14 as originally filed/furnished
 nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 nos.* 1, 13, 15 received by this Authority on 15.08.2005
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:
 sheets fig. 1-24 as originally filed/furnished
 sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____

a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-15</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 2000-60844 A (Colin Corp.), 29 February 2000, entire text, all drawings

Document 2: JP 8-275279 A (Foster Electric Co., Ltd.), 18 October 1996, entire text, all drawings

Document 3: JP 8-305375 A (Shin-Etsu Chemical Co., Ltd.), 22 November 1996, entire text, all drawings

Document 4: Yoshitaka NAKAJIMA, Hideki KASHIOKA, Kiyoshiro SHIKANO and Nick CAMPBELL, "Non-audible Murmur Recognition Input Interface Using a Stethoscopic Microphone Attached to the Skin," In: Proc. ICASSP, Singapore, Vol. V, pages 708 to 711, April 2003

Claims 1 to 15

Claims 1 to 15 set forth a microphone for picking up non-audible murmurs (NAMs), which is equipped with a "contact part for conducting input sounds from the surface of the skin to a capacitor microphone, said contact part being characterized in that it has an acoustic impedance similar to the acoustic impedance of soft body tissue and in that it is closely adhered to the capacitor microphone unit in a manner such that there is no air space therebetween," and the feature in question

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is not disclosed or suggested in any of the
abovementioned documents.